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Addendum

C. Implementation in areas requiring urgent action

1. Integration of economic, social and environmental objectives

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered the chapeau and subparagraphs (a) through (i) of paragraph 22 of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-19/14-E/1997/60, chap. I.B) at its ____ th meeting, on ____ June 1997.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended these elements to the General Assembly for adoption, as amended:

(a) In the chapeau of paragraph 22, the bracketed second and third sentences were replaced by:

> "While unsustainable patterns in the industrialized countries continue to aggravate the threats to the environment, there remain huge difficulties for developing countries in meeting basic needs such as food, health care, shelter and education for people. To some extent, unsustainable patterns are also emerging in the higher income groups in other countries.";

(b) In subparagraph 22 (a), the bracketed text was deleted;

(c) Subparagraph 22 (b) was revised to read:

"(b) Promoting the role of business in shaping more sustainable patterns of consumption by encouraging, as appropriate, voluntary publication of environmental and social assessments of its own activities, taking into account specific country conditions, and by acting as an agent of change in the market, and by virtue of its role as a major consumer of goods and services";

(d) Subparagraph 22 (c) was revised to read:

"(c) Developing core indicators to monitor critical trends in consumption and production patterns, with industrialized countries taking the lead";

(e) Subparagraph 22 (f) was revised to read:

"(f) Promoting international and national programmes for energy and material efficiency with timetables for their implementation, as appropriate. In this regard, attention should be given to studies that propose to improve the efficiency of resource use, including consideration of a tenfold improvement in resource productivity in industrialized countries in the long term and a possible factor-four increase in industrialized countries in the next two or three decades. Further research is required to study the feasibility of these goals and the practical measures needed for their implementation. Industrialized countries will have a special responsibility and must take the lead in this respect. The Commission on Sustainable Development should consider this initiative in the coming years in exploring policies and measures necessary to implement eco-efficiency and, for this purpose, encourage the relevant bodies to adopt measures aimed at assisting developing countries to improve energy and material efficiency through the promotion of their endogenous capacity-building and economic development with enhanced and effective international support;"

(f) In subparagraph 22 (g), the bracketed phrase was replaced by the following sentence:

"Governments in developed countries, in particular, should take the lead in this regard;"

(g) In subparagraph 22 (h), the bracketed text was deleted.